



Sketching pictures, setting up Web sites, playing the guitar, kicking a football – all are fun hobbies and pastimes. They're also subjects taught in school settings and classes that need teachers. And consider this: According to the U.S. Department of

scholarships through the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Juniors and seniors may receive up to \$5,000 a year; in some circumstances, freshman and sophomores may be eligible to receive up to \$1,250 per year.

become a classroom teacher in Kentucky," said Julie Wise, who now teaches at Robert B. Turner Elementary in Lawrenceburg. The scholarship, she added, "is an investment in Kentucky's future by allowing aspiring teachers the funding they need to receive proper training."

in college financial aid offices and from KHEAA.

Another option is available through The Student Loan People, a public, non-profit loan provider for Kentucky students. The organization's "Best in Class" program rewards Kentucky teachers with interest forgiveness. Plus, special education, math, science and English as a second language teachers receive loan forgiveness if they teach in Kentucky. Detailed information is available by calling 888-678-4625 or by visiting www.studentloanpeople.com/what_best_in_class.html.

Opportunities in education include those for pre-school teachers, who need classes in child development and psychology; elementary school teachers, who receive training in teaching science, math, reading, English, and social studies; and secondary teachers, who usually specialize in a field, such as history or biology. There are also opportunities to teach special needs students or to focus on areas of technology, art, physical education, music, home economics, business... the possibilities are extensive.

Leave a Legacy: Be a Teacher!

By Noelle Kelly

Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, the market for teachers throughout the U.S. is expected expand over the next decade – meaning more jobs available for those pursuing a career in education.

There's more good news for those considering the field of education: Kentucky college students on track to become certified as teachers are eligible for

The need-based scholarship can be used at any participating college or university in Kentucky. Recipients must be seeking their initial teacher certification. If recipients do not fulfill certain teaching requirements, the scholarships convert to loans that must be repaid with interest.

"The KHEAA scholarship provided money that afforded me the opportunity...to

To apply, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as a Teacher Scholarship application. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov; the Teacher Scholarship application can be printed from the KHEAA Web site, www.kheaa.org. Both are also available in paper form